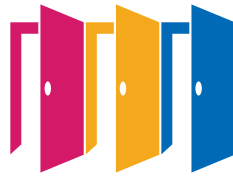




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Rotary Opens Opportunities

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**THIS WEEK
REPORTER**

**JULIAN LEESER MP
TERRY PANKHURST**

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Last week's special meeting with Keynote Speaker Lloyd Babb I thought was excellent. His talk provided a great insight into the role he has played in the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions with all the pressures and demands. We were privileged to have him come and spend the evening with us and I received similar comments from a number of people. We can only trust that his replacement in July will be as wise and judicious as he has been these past 10 years.

It was great to welcome the West Pennant Hills/Cherrybrook Rotary Club. I hope you enjoyed having them spread around the tables rather than all sitting together.

For those interested, the Rotary Convention for 2021 starts on Saturday June 10. It is a virtual convention and is being streamed from Chicago, USA. To watch it live, including an array of Breakout sessions over the ensuing 4 days, you will need to register at a cost of \$US65. All sessions and Breakout sessions will be available within 48 hours to watch on demand. (The Opening Session is at 11pm on Saturday night and the 2nd General session is at 11pm Sunday night. The Closing Ceremony is at 9am on Thursday 17th.

For those of you who frequent the Pennant Hills Market Place, you will, for the next month, see an advertisement for our club featuring the Pride of Workmanship Award presented to Simone Reinhardt from the Pennant Hills Pharmacy. Another reminder for the local community that we are active in the area.



Our Changeover meeting is being organised. You can expect an interesting and, I hope, a fun filled night. It is a partner's night and a good opportunity to invite friends and prospective new members to come and see and hear about our club and the work of Rotary locally and further afield. It will be a 2 course meal and a charge of \$40 each.

Greetings to you all,

Pres. David Firth

Rotary
District 9685



President David Firth opened the meeting and welcomed Rosemary Clarke, President of the R.C. of West Pennant Hills/Cherrybrook, our visitors. He referred to our earlier joint meetings then welcomed our guests, Lloyd Babb, SC and Robert Erskine, ADG. David then appealed to all to buy raffle tickets and reminded our volunteers for next Tuesday to muster in Florence Street, Hornsby at 10:30 ready for an 11:00 am start. We will be sharing this spot with the RC of Hornsby District. He also reminded us of the District Changeover at Castle Hill RSL Club on 4 July. Rosemary thanked David for his welcome and reflected back to 1976 when her Club emerged from this Golf Club. Her Club will soon join their sister Club, Coonabarabran, to share catering for a Children's Equestrian event. Their Book Fair then Pride of Workmanship on 21 June and Changeover on 27 June will follow.

Following dinner Theo Glockemann introduced Lloyd Babb, Director of Public Prosecutions since 2011. He leads a team of 840 in the Crown Prosecutors' staff. Following his LLB at Macquarie University and LLM at University of Illinois he went into private practice. Theo reminded us that he successfully defended himself at Hornsby in a very serious case without Lloyd's representation. Lloyd then addressed us, clarifying some of Theo's wild claims. He expressed his appreciation for Rotary sponsorship as an exchange scholar to further his legal training in the USA. There he found himself amongst a society of extreme gun violence and the ruling of three strikes and you're out – or rather in, in jail for life. Now, back to Sydney where Public Prosecutions take on serious offences such as murder, rape and armed robbery that will appear before a jury in the High or Supreme Court. Such cases can avoid a trial by an early plea of guilt. Lloyd mentioned his staff of public servants who are totally committed to service the law from Sydney and nine regional offices across NSW. It has been an honour for him to lead this team, 67% of whom are women, and all of whom desire to serve the public. Those in his department enjoy career breaks and recognition of work related stress. He went on to explain that he graduated in law in the late 1980s and after private practice he was appointed Crown Prosecutor in 2000. He has had many challenging cases and pointed out that usually, men are involved in many more violent crimes than women. He did cover an unusual case 17 years ago when a Sydney woman used her son's girlfriend to attract her female friends in to her house, then kidnap them and forward them on to slavery. There were about five such incidents. In another case a woman visited a neighbour's house and set fire to the neighbour's wife – charming. Another case involved two rival drug gangs in a turf war. This led to each gang shooting up each others' houses. Gunfire from one gang killed four, the other gang, being bad shots, only perforated the houses. Such cases would usually result in separate trials, however in this case, with the shooting and killing all related to the turf war, there was but one trial. This case led to his being threatened – “We know where you live, and we're coming to get you.” Naturally he was concerned for the safety of his family. Following the trial all went in for life. Lloyd told us that mental health issues amongst the legal fraternity are significant, arising not just from the cases to be handled but also media scrutiny. Now, with ten years as DPP, Lloyd now seldom appears in court. A recent case concerned Robert Hughes of the “Hey! Dad” series who went up the river for over ten years for sexual assault of children. Lloyd then covered causation, where the death of a person by their own hand or incident arises from the earlier actions of another. He told of a woman subjected to domestic violence, who was hiding behind a locked door. As her partner attempted to break in, she tried to escape through the window but fell to her death. That nasty chap was convicted of her murder. There was an old chap in a Housing Commission flat. Following a break in he was badly beaten leading to him moving to a nursing home with brain damage. His hip was broken beyond repair after a fall and he died. The two, when charged, pleaded that failure to operate on the hip caused his death. The court found that the brain and other injuries they had inflicted caused the old chap's fall and convicted them of murder. Again Lloyd reflected on his early support from Rotary, then not imagining it could lead to his DPP position with the responsibility of a team of talented people. Their role is to present appropriate information and arguments to a jury that will lead to a conviction. He reminded us that we are blessed with one of the best legal systems in this troubled world. He announced that in a few months he will retire but only as DPP. Being a good chap he seeks to join the Navy – and he has been accepted. No doubt the recruiters accepted his beard to be well suited to the Navy. He also has plans to walk the Larapinta Track and drive around Arnhem Land. COVID issues will see these plans on hold for the present.



MEETING REPORT CONT.

Lloyd then took a few questions. One sought an explanation of just what a life sentence meant and Jack Reid queried the decision of a recent case that failed to reach a decision after two trials and was subsequently not pursued. He was asked how he relaxed – “That’s easy”, Lloyd said, “just go home and coach the boy’s football or basketball team and enjoy the lads letting off steam and enjoying life. Then listen to some good music”

Theo rose and thanked Lloyd for his time and content of his presentation. He then handed over a framed certificate and a bottle that Theo claimed was the cheapest he could find.

President David then closed the meeting reminding us that we will hear our local member, Julian Leeser, next week. The evening closed with the National Anthem.

MESSAGE FROM HOLGER KNAACK



For years, Susanne and I hosted many Rotary Youth Exchange students in our home. This program was an entry point to Rotary for me, and my heart is truly in it. When Rotary’s exchange programs were suspended because of COVID-19 to keep students and families safe, we felt sorry, especially for the participants, because those years cannot be repeated. Because of the many uncertainties of the pandemic, the Rotary Board has decided to suspend in-person exchanges through June 2022. As we look ahead with hope, we thank Youth Exchange officers, host families, and volunteers for their contributions in years past, and we encourage districts to offer virtual exchanges as a way of connecting students around the world with each other and with our communities.

HORNSBY COUNCIL’S VOLUNTEER DAY



Club volunteers Pres. David Firth and Theo Glockemann manning club stand at Hornsby Council’s Volunteer Tuesday this week

DIARY DATES

Wednesday July 21 is “Bring a guest” night. Please think about bringing a guest to this meeting. The guest speaker will be Anoop Sud on ‘Indian Culture and Family Life’.



For 2021/2022 directors: Board meetings will be in the first week of the month by zoom. Please pencil **July 5th** and **August 2nd** into your diary.

Kaye

President Elect

2021	Program	Speaker	Chairperson	Reporter	Member 5 - minute interview
Jun 9	Life in the hot seat as a Parliamentarian	Julian Leaser MP Federal Member for Berowra	David Firth	Terry Pankhurst	Theo Glockermann
Jun 16	Antartica revisited	John Ellis	Ian Chappel	Pat Parker	Pam Hudson By Zoom?
Jun 23	Planning night	Nil	David Firth	Herbert Chan	Introduction to the next 5 minute activity - Kaye
Jun 30	Club Changeover Social Night	Nil	Jim Fraser	Phil Stanton	Nil
July 5	Board Meeting	By Zoom			
July 7	A Writer's Story	Steve McGregor (Author)			Ida Shi
July 14	Member's Night	Nil	TBA	TBA	Phil is away 12/7-5/8
July 21	Indian Culture and Family Life Bring a guest	Anoop Sud	Theo Glockemann	TBA	Adrian Bell

GUESTS

Lloyd Babb SC
Keith Ball
Stan Baseley
Rosmary Clarke
Tony Coote
Janelle Craig
Bob Davidson

Dr Leon Edema
Robert Erskine
Heather Frith
Esther Fraser
Georgia Glockemann
Leo Glockemann

Max Henderson
Alex Jugueta
Douglas Lam
Andrew Little
Desley Little
Tony Makin
Maureen Pankhurst

Sandra Parker
Ruth Reid
Jeanette Rigney
Edwina Ruff
Carol Russell

BIRTHDAYS

NIL

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

14 June 1984 Phil Stanton

ATTENDANCE

94 %

APOLOGIES

Ian Huckel